(b) if so, whether these rates would apply similarly even on MTNL, Delhi; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has reduced the rates of 'BSNL One India' package, Local PCO etc. with effect from 1st November, 2006.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Urban Tariff is under forbearance and is fixed by the operators keeping in view the cost and competition. Due to different areas of operation and different competitive scenario in two organizations, the tariff plans may not be same.

Services of GSM and CDMA

904. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications has held that mobile operators cannot provide services simultaneously on GSM and CDMA platforms in a circle under one licence;

(b) if so, the names of the mobile operators which are doing this; and

(c) the action Government are taking against these mobile operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As on date under one license no service provider is simultaneously providing services on GSM and CDMA platforms in the same service area.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telecom services along the international border

905. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major tele-companies are providing telecom services along the international border without specific permission;